

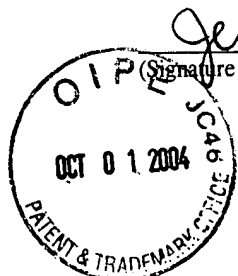
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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF)

William C. Athas)

Serial No. 09/991,098)

Filing Date: November 16, 2001)

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
QUANTIFYING THE NUMBER OF)
IDENTICAL CONSECUTIVE DIGITS)
WITHIN A STRING)

) Examiner: Ngo, Chuong D.

) Group Art Unit: 2124

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- ☒ Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed September 14, 2004.
- ☐ A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- ☐ Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including
 - ☐ check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
 - ☐ 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- ☒ A copy of 2 pages from the Patent Application Information Retrieval System (PAIR)
- ☒ No additional claims fees are required.

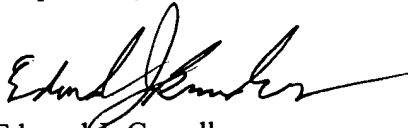
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Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
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AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **September 14, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.